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Coffee County number one in donations to state's eye bank

On September 18, 1995 the Alabama Eye Bank presented a plaque to the Coffee County Probate Judge's Office for their participation in the Eye Bank donor program. The Probate Judge's office has been instrumental in making the Alabama Eye Bank's donor program a success.

During the 1995 fiscal year over 800 Coffee County residents have become pre-pledged eye donors through the Probate Judge's office.

In Alabama one out of every five eyes donated in the past year were donated from Coffee County.

Clayton is the only other county to even come close to Coffee County's record.

In fact until Probate Judge Bill Gammill challenged his staff to be Number One, St. Clair has rou-

tinely been tops in signing up donors

every year since the judges were

challenged in 1991 to improve

awareness.

The Alabama Eye Bank was formed in 1961 as part of the University of Alabama Hospital, but did little or no tissue procurement for the first ten years. In 1970 there were two recorded cases of tissue being provided for corneal transplants.

However, in 1983 the Alabama Eye Bank has received over 25,000 tissues, of which 81% were donated since 1983. In 1994 along with a 95% success rate, other uses for donated tissue include reconstructive surgery, research projects, and for teaching ophthalmology students.

Giving became easier and the total jumped following the 1978 legislative act allowing school trained licensed embalmers to remove eyes for the Eye Bank. Titled the "Embalmer Necroplasty Training Act" this led to the training of 100 embalmers throughout Alabama within the first year.

Public awareness and increased donations led to the complete elimination of the corneal transplant waiting list in 1988.

In 1994, approximately 1,500 people donated (their) eyes to the Alabama Eye Bank, and 60 percent of this tissue was used for corneal transplants and the remainder of the donated tissue was used for reconstructive surgery, research projects, and for teaching ophthalmology students.

Hospital Research Reports show that the cornea transplant is the most effective type of transplant performed today. Ninety percent of all people blinded by injury or corneal disease who receive this surgery experience restored sight.

Unlike other organ donations which must be made immediately after death, eyes can be taken for up to six hours. After an eye is removed

lab technicians examine the tissue, excise the cornea and place it in a preservation medium. Delta Airlines then flies the cornea, as a public service, to its destination. Once the "living contact lens" is sown onto the recipient's eye, it is placed back on the eye bank. This action tends to be also in the treatment of glaucoma and cataracts.

While most Alabamians will never need a corneal transplant, it is still likely that most will someday benefit from the work of the Alabama Eye Bank's work," said Mrs. Smith. "Research tissues provided by the Eye Bank to scientists and ophthalmologists in Alabama and around the world play an indispensable role in the quest for cures for eye diseases," she added.

One reason the Eye Bank is so successful is because of the community support it receives. Alabamians are such giving people, even in a time of grief. The Probate Judge's Office of Coffee County has shown such support. By educating the public on eye donation they are allowing their citizens the opportunity to help others.



PROBATE OFFICE STAFF members involved in the ongoing eye bank project are pictured above with Probate Judge Bill Gammill and Susan Smith of the Alabama Eye Bank. Holding their award are from left: Neil Harrison, Chris George, Vivian Green, Gloria Tyler, Jane Bryan and Mrs. Smith.

Community Spirit Day set in Elba

The Elba Chamber of Commerce, along with the City of Elba, has set Saturday, October 12, as the beginning for restoration of the old Coffee County Jail.

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of picnic tables around the museum.

The Chamber of Commerce has begun several fund-raising projects to help with this restoration. Plans are to sell chances on an automobile (make and model to be announced soon); chances on home-made quilts; and a commemorative brick sponsorship program for bricks to be placed in the entrance area surrounding the jail.

The jail, erected in 1912, is of great historical value to the county. Coffee County's first permanent museum will provide a unique opportunity to display artifacts and historical documents pertaining to the area.

A commemorative tree sponsorship program is being organized for landscaping the area, and the placing

of picnic tables around the museum.

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IT'LL LOOK BETTER AFTER SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

* * HAPPENINGS * *

IT'S FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL. Elba Tigers are at home against Headland; Zion Chapel will host Lyman Ward; Kinston plays G. W. Long in Kinston; New Brockton is at home against Red Level; and Brantley plays host to Luverne. Kick-off time for all games is 7:30 p.m.

CITY OFFICIALS TO BE SWORN IN. The swearing in of the City of Elba's newly elected officials is scheduled for Monday, October 7, at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall. The Honorable Thomas E. Head is to conduct the ceremony. Refreshments will be served afterwards and the public is invited and urged to attend. New Brockton's council members are set to take the oath of office at 6:00 p.m. Monday evening in the council's chamber in New Brockton's city hall.

LINING DANCING & EXERCISE. There will be line dancing and exercise at the Elba Senior Citizen's Center each Thursday night from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The fee for the teacher is \$3. Everyone is invited to come join in the fun.

DIABETES CLINIC. Elba General Hospital & Nursing Home will be offering educational classes on managing diabetes on the third Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m. The classes, which are open to the public, will provide instruction regarding changes in diet and insulin to accommodate exercise and stress, and complications of diabetes and its prevention or treatment. Classes will be held in the hospital cafeteria. For more information contact Cindy Murphy, CMO at 897-2257 ext. 250.

PTO SPONSORING. The Elba PTO is sponsoring the Fall Festival at the Elba Elementary School on Thursday, October 10, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The Black & Gold Show starts at 8:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Admission will be \$3.00.

An Open House at all three districts offices, but Open House will be observed in the three divisional offices next week.

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NEWS BRIEFS

The Alabama Supreme Court will be in session in Enterprise on Friday, Oct. 11. The session's last court will convene promptly at 10 a.m. in the ESJC student center and hear oral arguments in two cases - one criminal and one civil. The public is invited to attend. Alabama Supreme Court Justice Terry Burts is a former resident of Elba, AL, and a former circuit judge in the 12th Judicial Circuit.

A motion to dismiss a suit challenging the constitutionality of a voter selection law affecting the 1996 election has been denied. On September 20, special assignment Coffee County Circuit Judge William G. Hightower denied the amended motion to dismiss and ordered the case to be tried on Friday, October 11, 1996. The trial date is set for 9:00 a.m. in the Elba Courthouse as previously scheduled.



Mr. Cannon & Miss Coleman

Coleman-Cannon wedding planned for November

Mr. Rayfield Coleman of Elba, Alabama, announced the engagement of his daughter, Kathy Renee Coleman, to Christopher Emmanuel Cannon, son of Mrs. Terry Cannon of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Miss Coleman is the daughter of the late Katherine Coleman of Elba, Alabama, and the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Moses Lee of Ozark, Alabama. Her aunt, Mrs. Willie Bouie, resides in Ozark, Alabama. Miss Coleman is a graduate of Elba High School and the University of Alabama. She earned her MA degree from Clark Atlanta University where she is currently pursuing her Ed.D. in Education Administration. Miss Coleman is a member of Delta Sigma Theta sorority. She is currently employed with the Fulton County School System.

Mr. Cannon is the son of the late Melvin R. Cannon, and the grandson of Dwight Holmon. He is a graduate of Rockdale Christian School and Northeast Missouri State University where he received a BS degree in Industrial Management Science. He is currently a manager for the May Company.

The couple plans a November wedding in Atlanta, Georgia.

Elba City Schools to participate in Take Your Child To Lunch Day

Elba City Schools will participate in the annual "Take Your Child To Lunch Day" on October 6, 1996 at the Elba High School Cafeteria.

Students and parents are invited to bring their children during this week.

Letters will be sent home to all parents of high school students outlining the scheduled dates for your attendance.

All friends and relatives are invited to come to eat and not forget to bring a covered dish lunch.

Curtis School Reunion planned for Oct. 12th

The eleventh annual Curtis School Reunion will be held Saturday, October 12, 1996. The Curtis School site is no longer available for the reunion, so it will be held at the Heart of Dixie Music Park.

The music park is located one mile east of Danley's Cross Roads on Hwy. 84 near Elba. Bring food, drinks, and a lawn chair. All paper products and ice will be furnished. Linda Cannon and her husband will be in charge of the Outstanding Alumni. She and her siblings will be the family recognized to share memories. George Parker and siblings will also share memories. Registration will begin at 11:00 and lunch will be served at noon.

Making the trip were: Doris Taylor, Eleanor Senn, Myrtle Sellers, Jo Hudson and Charlotte Hudson.

Elba Study Club attends Annual Tent Sale

The rain did not bother the Elba Study Club as they went to Montgomery, Saturday, September 26, 1996, to the Annual Tent Sale at Southern Homes and Gardens. After shopping and looking around, the group went to the Partridge Pine Restaurant for lunch before coming home.

Making the trip were: Doris Taylor, Eleanor Senn, Myrtle Sellers, Jo Hudson and Charlotte Hudson.

PTO to sponsor Fall Festival October 10th

The Elba PTO will sponsor The Fall Festival, that will be held at The Elba Elementary School, on Thursday, October 10, from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. A Black & Gold Show will follow at The Elba High School Auditorium at 8:00. More details to follow.

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FIFTH GRADERS MAKE MODEL ATOMS. The fifth grade classes of Mrs. Amy Thomas (top photo) and Mrs. Tracie Johnson (bottom photo) have been studying the structure of various types of atoms. In conjunction with their studies, the students completed models of different atoms that were made of sticks and clay. Both classes are pictured showing their handiwork.



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Social & Community Happenings

Magnolia Home & Garden Club holds September meeting at The Elba Public Library

The Magnolia Home and Garden Club held its first meeting of the year on Thursday September 5, 1996 at the Elba Public Library. Mrs. Bette Ham and Mrs. Carolyn Brummett served as hostesses. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Charles Kennett, Mrs. Ham presided at the meeting.

The speaker for the day was Mrs. Margaret Callahan who has been actively involved in establishing a library on the campus of the Elba schools. She presented a video which was made as the area was being cleared. She also discussed in detail plans for developing the sanctuary into a function room to be used for school classes as well as for church and individuals. Various books and tapes on the subject of birds have been added to the school library.

Mr. Barbara Hudson made a quick report to the club on state and future plans of the Chamber of Commerce. One significant item was the advanced date of November 30 for the Christmas Festival. An

announcement was made of the doors to the Garden Club will be open to the public during the month of October. These doors have been planted at the hospital, the senior citizens building, and at the gazebo on the square.

Mrs. Ham presided over the business session at which time officers and committees reported, thus setting the direction of the Magnolia Home and Garden Club for the new year.

Refreshments were served to 16 members and one guest.



Mr. & Mrs. Junior McCollough to be honored on 50th wedding anniversary

A reception will be held on Oct. 6, 1996 in honor of Junior and Randy McCollough, at Cufts Restaurant, 417 E. Lee St. in Enterprise, from 2-4 p.m. Lee St. in Enterprise,

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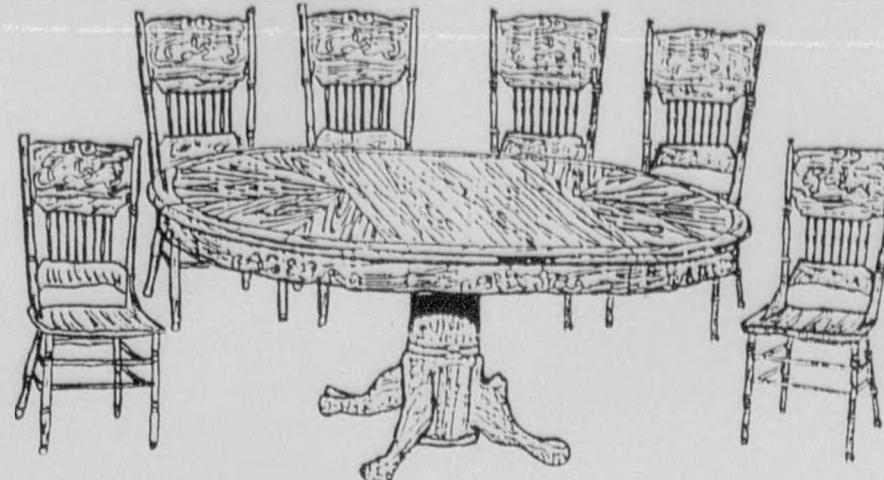
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 Vs
 Welcome Jimmy Wise
 Wise is facing the charge of assault in the second degree.
State of Alabama
 Vs
 Ernest Dewey Booze
 He is charged with theft of property in the first degree.
State of Alabama
 Vs
 Ardian Arrey Johnson
 Johnson is facing two charges: burglary in the third degree and arson in the second degree.
State of Alabama
 Vs
 Eric Cade Nelson
 He is charged with possession of a forged instrument in the second degree.
State of Alabama
 Vs
 Michael Lashawn Duncan
 Duncan is charged with burglary in the third degree and arson in the second degree.
State of Alabama
 Vs
 Robert Michael Abramson
 He is charged with receiving stolen property in the first degree.
State of Alabama
 Vs
 Steve Magwood
 Magwood faces the charge of theft of property in the first degree.
State of Alabama
 Vs
 Daniel B. Perdue
 He is charged with one count of burglary in the first degree.
State of Alabama
 Vs
 Anthony Charles Rivers
 Rivers is charged with burglary in the first degree.
State of Alabama
 Vs
 Dowal Jones
 He is facing a charge of theft of property in the second degree.
State of Alabama
 Vs
 Willie Paul Mitchell
 Mitchell is charged with one count of burglary in the second degree, five counts of burglary in the third degree, one count of theft of property in the first degree, and five counts of breaking and entering in an automobile.

State of Alabama
 Vs
 Maddox is charged with rape in the second degree.
State of Alabama
 Vs
 William N. Overstreet, Jr.
 He is charged with one count of escape in the second degree and one count of theft of property in the first degree.
State of Alabama
 Vs
 Charly Timm
 Timm is charged with one count of harassing communication.

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New administration takes over in City of Elba

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The office of mayor to me. I want my term to be a time of progress, of course, this goes with our growth; openness and honesty; truthfulness and hard work; cooperation and trust. I believe that the citizens of Elba are ready and eager for this type of city government.

James Grimes was sworn in as mayor and was seated in as mayor and serving on council members are: Winzell Gray, District 1; John W. Sharpless, District 2 (incumbent); Harold Banning, District 3; Ben Carpenter, District 4 (incumbent) and Ronna Hammonds, District 5.

The officers will serve four year terms. The only elected official making a formal statement was Mayor Grimes. His prepared statement was:

"A few short weeks ago we began the process of electing city officials to lead Elba forward and into the 21st Century. I feel humbled that the citizens of Elba have entrusted

and made routine appointments. Council member Ronnie Hammonds was named as Mayor Pro-Tem. He will preside over council meetings in the absence of the mayor.

Named as city clerk was Donnie Morris, who was a candidate for mayor in the previous elections. He is retired from civil service.

Ronnie Whitworth was named police chief. He is a retired state trooper.

Council members Ben Carpenter, Ronnie Hammonds and Harold Banning were named to the Water and Electric Board. Three members of

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Pictured above: Circuit Judge Thomas E. Head (right) administers the oath of office to Elba Mayor James Grimes (left). Councilman Harold Banning (center) looks on.

New Brockton's town council sworn into office

By Marvin McLain, Editor

Judge Bill Gammill administered the oath-of-office to the members of the council - Charles Cole, Roger Harrison, Linda Gilbert, and Ron McNamee. He then swore in Morgan Britt Lee as New Brockton's new mayor.

First, Coffee County Probate

During the five year period, Lessors had to do their own clean-up and repair of any flood damage in the facilities.

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